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[Director, National Numismatic Museum,
Athens, Greece], 1923-1928

October 18th, 1923.

G. P. Oikonomos, Esq., Director,
National Numismatic Museum,
Athens, Greece.

Dear Dr. Oikonomos:

Under separate cover I am sending you casts of the coins of Clazomenae. These casts are from specimens in the collection of Mr. Edward T. Newell, and a recent visit to Boston gave me an opportunity for making impressions of those in the Museum there.

I am also sending casts of the coins of Paros for your Assistant from both these collections. Because of the slowness of the mails, however, it will probably take some time for these casts to reach you. In the meantime I should like your aid on a number of points.

We have just received the second installment of M. Svoronos' "Tresor". On Page 32, there is reference to a hoard of Athenian coins illustrated on page K.E of the Report for 1892-3. This hoard seems to have been overlooked by me while I was in Athens. Might I trouble you to write me if there were any other than Athenian coins in this find, and if so, what they were. Also if there is any indication of the district in which it was found, will you kindly give that?

I should very much like to have casts of the Pegasoi issued by Ambracia. Could you have casts of such specimens as are in your Museum made for me; I presume the number would not be very considerable.

We are preparing a monograph on the "Coinage of Aegina", and I should like to obtain data regarding the countermarks which appear so frequently on the coins for this City. I recall that on one of the pieces in your exhibition cases there is a beautiful clear head used as a countermark. Could you send me a cast of this piece?

I should also like casts of the specimens indicated below from the Myrou Karditsa Hoard published in "Deltion" for 1917, Plates 6 and 7, as well as any other countermarked coins in your collection for Aegina. If it would be easier for you to have your assistant make pen and ink drawings of these countermarks, referring in each case to the plate, that would, I think, be satisfactory. The ones I desire particularly are as follows:-

Plate 6, # 21, 23, 26, 27, 28 to 30, 32, 33.

Plate 7, # 1, 2, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, and any others from this find which I may have overlooked.

If you would add the cast of one other coin, you will greatly increase my obligation to you. This is the silver piece of Tegea which occurred in the find made at Megara, 1904-5, (Page I 2), which is mentioned in the "Journal International" for 1905, page 255. I trust this will enable you to locate the coin without any difficulty. It is of importance to Mr. Newell in connection with this hoard.

I often think back to the delightful afternoon spent in your Museum, and I regret very much that it was not possible for me to foresee the need for this information, and thus to have prevented putting you to so much trouble on my account.

With cordial greetings to M. Constantopoulos and your assistant, I beg to subscribe myself

Secretary.

December 22nd, 1923

Dr. G. P. Oikonomos
National Numismatic Museum
Athens, Greece

Dear Dr. Oikonomos:

Thank you for the casts of Aegina and
Ambracia which arrived yesterday in good or-
der.

I am surprised that you did not have
more coins of Ambracia, but we are very glad
to have the casts of these.

I wish I could be in Athens to convey
to you my holiday greetings in person. I
trust that the New Year will prove a very suc-
cessful one for you.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPN/E

January 17th, 1925

Dr. George P. Oikonomos
The National Numismatic Museum
Athens, Greece

Dear Dr. Oikonomos

Thank you very much for your pamphlet
Christianoi Stephanophoroi, which reached my
hands this morning. It is very kind of you
to have thought of me, and this is something
which I am very glad indeed to have.

I often think of your kindness to me
when I was in Athens; and wish that I might
have an opportunity to go over some sections
of the coins in your care which I did not have
time to do when I was with you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

July 8, 1925

Dr. George P. Oikonomos
Director, The National Numismatic Museum
Athens
Greece

Dear Dr. Oikonomos:

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of my recently completed Bibliography of Greek Coins. I still have a very lively recollection of your kindness when I was working at your Museum and I wish it might be possible for me to have handed you this publication rather than to have sent it.

Two young Americans are going to work in Athens during the coming winter and doubtless they will call upon you at the Numismatic Museum. One of these is Dr. Allen B. West who is very much interested in the coinage of Thrace and the Chalcidic Peninsula. Another is Professor Bellanger of Yale University who is, I believe, interested in the coinages of Corinth and its colonies. Anything that you can do to aid them will be greatly appreciated by me personally as well as by the American Numismatic Society.

Very sincerely yours

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Secretary

Dear Mr. Noe,

I have to thank you very
heartily and I beg to ask
you to transmit my deepest
thanks to the American
Numismatic Society for
its generous gift of the
Numism. Notes and Mono-
graphs failing in Athens.
Especially interested in

the late Mr Seager's mono-
graph on the Cretan Hoard
I tried to find it in the
Library of the American
School. But it did not exist
there either! If even Amer-
icans cannot have all
the books of their native coun-
try on greek archaeology,
we can console ourself for

our defective library. But
just therefore our thank
to the Numismatic Socie-
ty is doubly a great one.

With my heartiest
compliments

Yours very faithfully

G. D. Kamm

Athens

October 8th

1925

September 12th, 1925

Dr. George P. Oikonomos
Director, The National Numismatic Museum
Athens, Greece

Dear Dr. Oikonomos:

It was a great pleasure to receive your letter of August 28th, and I am very glad indeed that you got to know Professor West. I presume he told you that he was interested in the coinage of Maroneia and other cities of Thrace and the Chalcidic Peninsula. I hope he will succeed in getting some of the information he desire while in Athens, and we shall appreciate very much any help you might give him.

I note what you have written regarding our publications, and we are sending a number of the monographs which you have not received - all that are still in print, and we shall place the name of the Numismatic Museum on our mailing list for future issues. The earlier numbers were sent to N. Svoronos.

Thank you for your commendation of the Coin Hoard Bibliography. I should be very glad to receive any corrections that you may discover necessary, and a summary of any omitted hoards or any future ones that may come to your attention. There should be some effort made to keep this material up to date; and if you could keep us informed of what goes on in Greece, we should be very grateful to you.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

MR. RUCH

Kindly send these monographs to:

Dr. George P. Oikonomos

Director, The National Numismatic Museum

Athens, Greece

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a/c ^{VEB} Ruch

November 12th, 1925

Dr. G. P. Oikonomis
Director, National Numismatic Museum
Athens, Greece

Dear Dr. Oikonomis:

Your letter received. I am very glad that you found the monographs of interest.

Yes, we have a number of the Mende pieces here - they are in Mr. Newell's collection. I have a monograph on the Mende hoard which is now in the printer's hands, and I shall be glad to send you a copy as soon as it is ready. It will give you all of the data, I think. If it does not, will you please write me again.

Cordially yours,

Secretary

April 13th, 1926

Dr. G. P. Oikonomis
Director, National Numismatic Museum
Athens, Greece

Dear Dr. Oikonomis:

Under separate cover, I am sending
one of the first copies of the ~~Ende~~ article.
I wish I might write in it as nicely as you
did in the reprint which you sent me.

Thank you for your unfailing kindness
to me when I was in Athens.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

August 12, 1927

Mr. G. P. Oikonomos,
Secretary of the National Numismatic Museum,
Athens, Greece

Dear Mr. Oikonomos:-

One of the matters of our Society is
undertaking a program of acquisitions of ~~specimens~~
of the Numismatic type (not those of Ethnology). Will you
be kind enough to have casts of these in the possession
of our Museum prepared and sent to us at your con-
venience, together with a statement as to cover the cost
of having this done. It is our purpose to illustrate
as far as possible all of these specimens. It is con-
sequently necessary to have the casts.

Thanking you for past courtesies, I beg
to subscribe myself

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

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21st January, 1928

Dr. George P. Oikonomos, Director,
National Numismatic Museum,
Athens, Greece

Dear Dr. Oikonomos:

Thank you very much indeed for the
plaster casts of the two Tuaenotos decadrachms which
reached my hands this morning.

Will you kindly advise me if the young lady
who is your assistant is still studying the coinage of
Paros? Mr. Newell recently acquired a tetradrachm of
which he will gladly send a cast.

With cordial personal regards, I beg
to subscribe myself

Very truly yours,

Secretary

16th March, 1928

Dr. George P. Oikonomos, Director,
The National Numismatic Museum,
Athens, Greece

Dear Dr. Oikonomos:

Thank you very much indeed for the copy of your article from the *Praktika* for 1928. The hoard you describe must be a very interesting one, and I am glad to have a record of it for my bibliography.

Would you be so good as to tell me what number of Corinthian staters you have with the figure of a standing Pegasos (not flying)? I have record of sixteen varieties with Athena's head reverse combined with various symbols, as listed on the enclosed sheet. If you have these symbols with other reverses, that is, with the flying Pegasos, I should be glad to know how many of these there are; and, if the number is not too great, might I ask you to have casts of them made for me?

With appreciation of your many kindnesses in the past,
I beg to remain

Yours very truly,

Secretary

May 4th, 1928.

Dr. George P. Oikonomos,
Director, National Museum,
Athens, Grecce.

Dear Dr. Oikonomos:

Thank you so very much indeed for
the report of the Archeological Society, for 1927,
which you have so kindly sent me. I appreciate
your courtesy very much.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

August 7th, 1928

Dr. George P. Oikonomos
Director, National Numismatic Museum
Athens, Greece

Dear Dr. Oikonomos:

Mrs. Couch (Miss Stebbins) has written me that she transmitted to you my request for a photograph of the hoard of coins of the Chalcidic League found in the excavations of Olynthus by Dr. Robinson's party. My request was based on the possibility that such a photographic record had not already been made.

I asked Mrs. Couch to make clear that we should be glad to bear any expense incident to the photographing of these coins, but, of course, I understand that any rites of publication would remain with Dr. Robinson, and we had no intention of infringing upon them. If he has not made a complete photographic record of the pieces in both hoards, will you please do so and send me a memorandum of the expense.

I presume that you know the simplest way of photographing these coins - if you arrange them on a black background and leave space so that the coins may be turned over, you can expose the plate for the obverse, replace the cap over the lens and turn over the coins, and then re-expose the plate, and have the photograph show both sides. To do this, it is advisable to have the camera in a position directly above the pieces.

Will you advise me of the number of Leucas pegasi there are in the Athens Cabinet?

May I add that should any interesting hoards come into the possession of your Department, we should be very glad to extend the courtesy of our monographs if you would care to describe them.

We much appreciate the courtesies which you have shown to Mrs. Couch and others of our members, and with cordial regards, I beg to subscribe myself,

Very sincerely yours,

5th October, 1928

Dr. George P. Oikonomos,
Director, National Numismatic Museum,
Athens, Greece.

Dear Dr. Oikonomos:

Your postcard has been received, and I am very sorry indeed to learn that you have been ill with the tango fever. There have been newspaper reports of this scourge but I fear that none of us realize how severe it has been.

I note what you say about the coins of Olynthus, and we shall try to get in touch with Dr. Robinson.

My reason for asking about the Pegasii of Leukas was that Mr. Hoyt Miller, whom I think you have met, is working on a monograph concerned with these pieces. Have you any means for photographing these Pegasii directly? We should be glad to bear any expense involved if such is the case. This would be much simpler than trying to make casts of them. We should not want the bronze, of course.

The Naxos hoard of which you speak must contain some interesting material, but I am not surprised that your duties as Professor of Archaeology interferes with your work upon it.

If you should see Mr. Empedocles in the near future I wish you would say that I asked you to give him my greetings.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary